

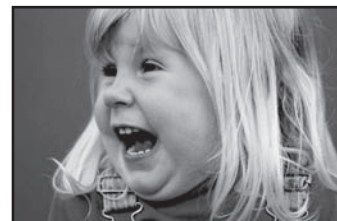
# 2006 Fact Sheet

## North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start Enrollment

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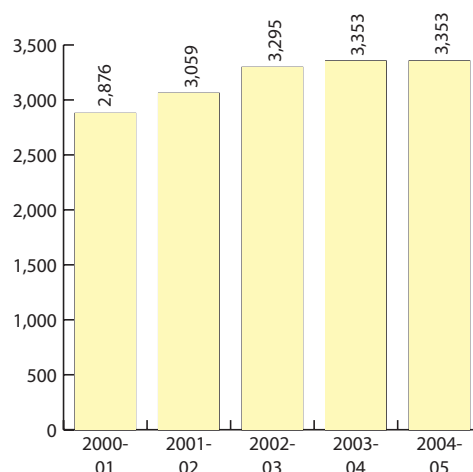
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- Eligibility is most often due to poverty
- Minority children are a large proportion of enrollees
- Larger programs are in major urban areas and reservations



### Enrollments Have Been Increasing

Enrollment in North Dakota Head Start Programs increased from 2000-01 to 2004-05, even though the number of children in the state has declined. The total number of children whose participation in Head Start programs was funded by ACF (Administration for Children and Families) dollars grew by 477 during these five years (from 2,876 to 3,353). In contrast, from 2000 to 2004, the number of children ages 0 to 5 in North Dakota decreased from 47,613 to 43,000. Because there is some small turnover in Head Start enrollment during each year, the actual number of children served by North Dakota Head Start is even larger than these numbers indicate.

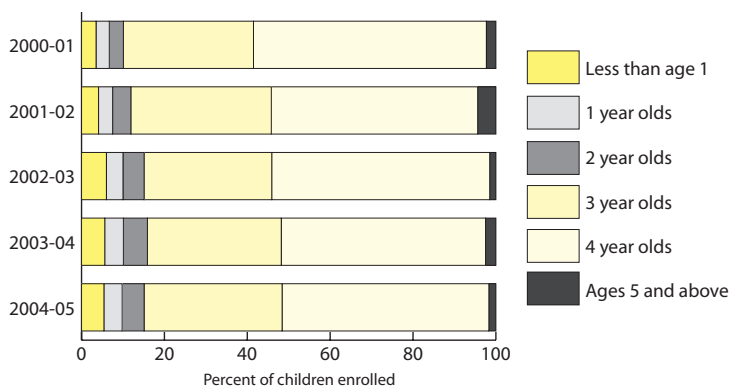
Figure 1. Total Funded Enrollment in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start, 2000-2005



### Increasing Numbers of Younger Children are Enrolled

North Dakota Head Start Programs have enrolled an increasing percentage of younger children. For example, while 4 year olds continue to comprise the largest percentage of children in North Dakota Head Start Programs, they declined from 56.2% of Head Start children in 2000-01 to 49.9% in 2004-05. Children younger than age 3 increased from 10.1% of all children in North Dakota Head Start Programs in 2000-01 to 15.2% in 2004-05.

Figure 2. Percent of Children Enrolled in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start by Age of Child, 2000-2005



#### Data Source and Note:

Data obtained from Head Start Program Information Reports, 2000-2005. Data in this fact sheet include pregnant women enrolled in Early Head Start programs.

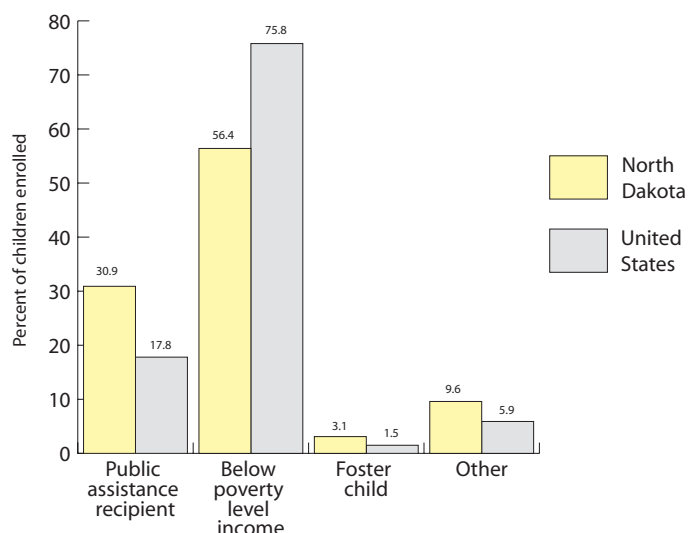
### Our Mission

The goal of Head Start is to increase the social competence of children in low-income families and children with disabilities, and to improve their chances for school success.

## Eligibility is Most Often Due to Poverty

Most children enrolled in North Dakota Head Start Programs were eligible because their family's income was below the federal poverty line. In 2004-05, this eligibility category accounted for 56.4% of the children enrolled in North Dakota Head Start. A large group of children (30.9% of all enrolled) are eligible for North Dakota Head Start based on their parents' receipt of any form of public assistance. In contrast, 17.8% of children in Head Start programs nationwide have this type of eligibility.

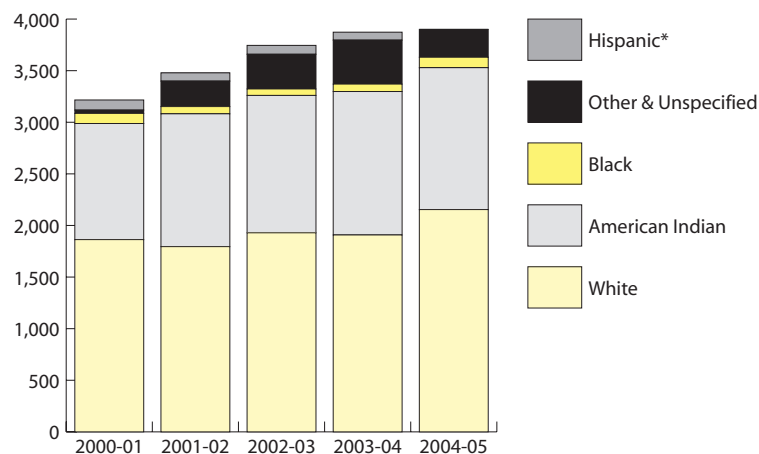
Figure 3. Percent of Children Enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start in North Dakota and the United States by Eligibility Type, 2004-05



## Minority Children are a Large Proportion of Enrollees

White children, who were 87.6% of all North Dakota children in 2004, continue to comprise the majority of children enrolled in North Dakota Head Start Programs. In 2004-05, 55.2% of enrollees were white (2,154 children). American Indian children (8.7% of all children in North Dakota) comprised 35.3% of enrollees (1,375 children) in 2004-05. Children of Hispanic or Latino origin, who may be of any race, represented 2.6% of enrollees (101 children) in 2004-05.

Figure 4. Children Enrolled in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start by Race\*, 2000-2005



\*Prior to 2004-05, Hispanics were recorded as a racial category. Beginning with 2004-05 data, consistent with Census definitions, Hispanics are recognized as an ethnic group whose members may be of any race, so direct comparisons to race data in previous years should be done with caution.

## Larger Programs are in Major Urban Areas and Reservations

In 2004-05, the largest North Dakota Head Start Programs were located in major urban areas: Fargo (SENDCAA), Minot, and Grand Forks. However, large programs also were located on Standing Rock Reservation and Turtle Mountain Reservation.

Figure 5. Funded Enrollment in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start by Program Location, 2004-05

